

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SAFEGUARDING INTEREST OF MINES WORKERS

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to formulate new scheme for the welfare of workers working in coal and other mineral mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government for safeguarding the interest of mine workers; and
- (d) the financial assistance likely to be provided for the welfare of the mine workers in the country, State-wise including Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All the statutory provisions as per the Mines Act, 1952 and Mines Rules, 1955 regarding welfare of workers are complied with in the mines of Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of Ministries of Coal and Mines and they are paying due attention to the welfare of their workers and every efforts is being made to improve the living condition of the employees including their family members. The welfare measures taken in different areas are: Housing facility, Water Supply facility, Medical facility, Education Facility for employees' wards, Facilities for availing Co-operative Stores and Credit Societies, subsidised transport facilities etc.,

The welfare of workers is the subject matter of Ministry of Labour as per the Government of India (Allocation of Business Rules, 1961). It has been reported by the Ministry of Labour that some welfare schemes have been evolved by them to extend welfare facilities to the certain non-coal mine workers and their family members in the spheres of Health, Education, Housing, recreation and Water Supply under the Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund, Limestone & Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund; and Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund. Even under these Funds, only those mine workers whose monthly wages do not exceed Rs. 10,000/- per month are eligible to avail benefits under these schemes. Around 76,000 workers have been availing benefits under these schemes.

(d) The Ministry of Labour have given the details of the financial assistance likely to be provided for the welfare of the above mine workers which is given in Annexure.

Annexure

Budget Estimate 2004-05 for Iron Ore Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Workers Welfare Fund (IOMC), Lime Stone Dolomite Workers Welfare Fund (LSDM) and Mica Mines Workers Welfare Fund

(Rs. in `000)

Sl. No. REGION/STATE Budget Estimate 2004-05

IOMC LSDM MICA

1	Allahabad	-	4588
	Uttar Pradesh		
	Himachal Pradesh		
	Punjab		
	Jammu & Kashmir		
	Uttaranchal		
2	Ajmer	28706	2496

Gujarat
Rajasthan
Haryana
3 Bangalore 16885 5611
Karnataka
Kerala
4 Bhubaneshwar 40462 9507
Orissa
5 Hyderabad 4289 13724 5732
Tamil Nadu
Andhra Pradesh
6 Jabalpur 17324 19054
Madhya Pradesh
Chhattisgarh
7 Karma 27370 7286 5272
Bihar
Jharkhand
8 Kolkata 1292
West Bengal
Assam
Tripura
Meghalaya
9 Nagpur 19120 3047
Maharashtra
Goa